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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) **MASUDA et al.**)  
Serial No.: **10/061,772**)  
Filing Date: **February 1, 2002**)  
Title: **OPTICAL FIBER AMPLIFIER  
AND OPTICAL  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
USING THE SAME**)  
Group  
Art Unit: **3662**)  
Examiner: **Mark Hellner**)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/10/03, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The status of pending Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.